

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method and an apparatus capable of extrusion molding a comparatively wide, thin ceramic sheet using a screw extruder while suppressing the wrinkling thereof are disclosed. A thereof. The molding apparatus ~~(1) comprising~~ includes a screw-type extruder ~~(2)~~ and a mold ~~(11)~~ at the forward end of the extruder ~~(2)~~ is used to extrusion mold a ceramic sheet from the ceramic material introduced into the extruder ~~(2)~~ by way of the mold ~~(11)~~. The extrusion molding is carried out while regulating the temperature of the portion of the ceramic material passing through the mold ~~(11)~~ corresponding to each of a plurality of areas (control zones) into which the mold ~~(11)~~ is divided.